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For: ACTUATOR HAVING COMPACT GEAR REDUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6-15 as follows:

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6. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the extenric gear wheel (24) is rotatably supported with respect to the excentric hub (23) by means of a rolling element bearing (30).
 7. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the motor (2) is an electric motor, the stator (6) of which is connected to the housing (1).
 8. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the gear reduction mechanism (4) is at the end of the screw mechanism (3) opposite the end thereof engaging an actuating means (38) for a brake pad (39).
 9. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the screw (16) of the screw mechanism (3) is rotatably supported by means of a support bearing (11) with respect to a